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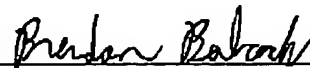
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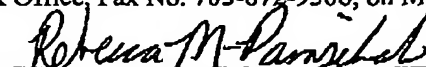
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This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **December 23, 2004**.

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